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25X1A 1. (Secret - GLC) At the request of Ed Braswell, Chief Counsel, Senate Armed Services Committee, Mr. [REDACTED] OPPB, and I met with him to talk further about the cost of U.S. programs in Laos. Braswell is particularly concerned about the disparity between figures used by Senator Symington at the secret session of the Senate as compared to figures given the Committee by DOD in its budget material. Mr. [REDACTED] reviewed the background of our support of Thai forces in Laos over the years and explained the procedure that is involved in estimating and approving budget figures for FY 72. He emphasized that the FY 72 figures for [REDACTED] have not as yet been programed by DOD. Braswell said he found this helpful but said it was quite possible the Committee would want to have further testimony from the Administration before the Defense procurement authorization bill is taken up on the floor. He also said that Senator Stennis was rather fuzzy about some of the facts set forth by Colonel White in his budget presentation on Laos and asked if he could have a copy of that portion of Colonel White's prepared statement (Mr. [REDACTED] is checking on this).

25X1A 2. (Unclassified - GLC) Mr. Larry McHugh, Joint Economic Committee staff, called to say Senator Proxmire plans to have his Subcommittee on Priorities and Economy in Government hold hearings on Soviet economic development and military posture this August. He said the Chairman would like to have Mr. Helms or his representatives (he mentioned [REDACTED] as one possibility) appear before the Subcommittee in open session on 9 August to testify on the Soviet economy. I recalled for Mr. McHugh's benefit that the only time a Director of Central Intelligence ever appeared in open session was in JEC hearings in November 1959 and added I thought neither our Director nor our Committee chairmen were anxious for this kind of public appearance. I said I would look into this, however, and be back in touch with him.

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3. (Confidential - GLC) Mr. [REDACTED] reported on a call he received from John Holdridge, of the White House staff. When the Administration contacted Senator Len B. Jordan (R., Idaho) to solicit his vote on the Hatfield/McGovern bill, the Senator expressed concern about alleged CIA [REDACTED] (and also about reports of Lao irregulars cutting off the ears of their adversaries). Since Senator Jordan appears to have predicated his response on the vote to a reply on these points, Holdridge has asked if we would be willing to straighten these matters out with the Senator tomorrow.

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4. (Secret - JGO) Met with Mr. Philip Trimble, Consultant, Senate Foreign Relations Committee, and delivered to him a letter of 14 June enclosing a statement concerning recent Soviet ICBM developments. After review, Mr. Trimble will attach the letter and enclosure to the inside rear cover of the transcript of the Director's briefing of the Committee of 29 March 1971.

5. (Secret - JGO) Met with Mr. John R. Blandford, Chief Counsel, House Armed Services Committee, and discussed the Agency's proposed response to the Chairman concerning H.R. 3578. Mr. Blandford noted that this would be a chance, if we cared to avail ourselves of it, to put ourselves in writing that the Agency operates under the direction of the National Security Council and reports directly to the National Security Council and to the President. I thanked Mr. Blandford for the observation. I brought him up to date on a briefing of the Senate Appropriations Committee on Friday and our recent contacts with Senate and House members concerning the "Ervin bill." I briefed Mr. Blandford on the following items: Soviet "J" vehicle; the Salyut mission; a surface-to-surface missile support facility; North Vietnamese General Tuyen Huan; and Chinese Mao-class submarines.

6. (Confidential - JMM) Pat Holt, Senate Foreign Relations Committee staff, called to clear a proposed public statement for the record regarding the Director's testimony on Brazil before the Latin America Subcommittee on 5 May. Holt proposed that the public record simply reveal that the Director had appeared, but the substance of his testimony would be "completely deleted." I agreed.

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7. (Secret - JGO) Met with Mr. Ralph Preston, House Appropriations Committee staff, and discussed with him the format of the continuing resolutions used to provide appropriation authority pending final passage of appropriation legislation. Preston noted that the normal continuing resolution is only for 30 days but that the minority members had been agreeable on occasion in the past for resolutions of longer periods of time. There is no way of knowing yet what the considerations may be later in the month.

I also discussed with Preston the possibility of straight open appropriation for the Radios to carry them in the interim pending passage of the Case bill. It is Preston's feeling that this would please everyone but it would be subject to point of order on the floor since there is no underlying authorization for such appropriation. Preston noted in passing that Committee scheduling difficulties have been such that it would not have been possible to meet with the Director during the week. He will try to hold the line during the next two weeks to allow scheduling of the Director after 6 July. I thanked Preston for his consideration.

I briefed Mr. Preston on the following items: Soviet "J" vehicle; the Salyut mission; a surface-to-surface missile support facility; North Vietnamese General Tuyen Huan; and Chinese Mao-class submarines.

8. (Confidential - JMM) Talked to General Fred Haynes and provided him with some suggested points to make in support of a proposed additional 4-star Marine Corps billet which would accommodate the DDCI.

9. (Confidential - JMM) Phil Trimble, Consultant, Subcommittee on Arms Control, International Law and Organization of Senate Foreign Relations, called regarding a statement to be included in the record regarding the status of the Soviet ICBM program. I told him it was on the way and he gave no indication that, in view of this, a personal appearance by the Director would be necessary.

10. (Confidential - JMM) Mr. Edwin Cohen, Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, called to say he was interested in the aluminum and bauxite situation in Jamaica in connection with some tax problems of concern to the Treasury Department, and wondered if we had someone who could give him some background on the subject. I said I would look into it and let him know.

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11. (Unclassified - JMM) Chris Sylvester, in the office of Senator Milton Young, called regarding an applicant, [REDACTED] After checking, I explained he was being considered for contract employment, and that if all went well he should be on the job by the end of August, but this was subject to a possible change in our requirements, etc. I said we would see what we could do about speeding it up.

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